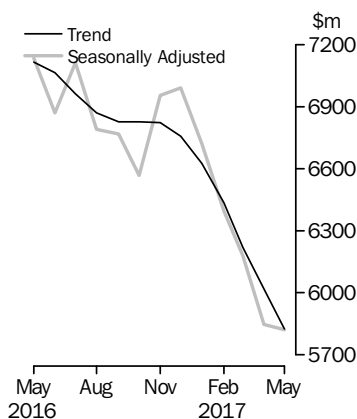


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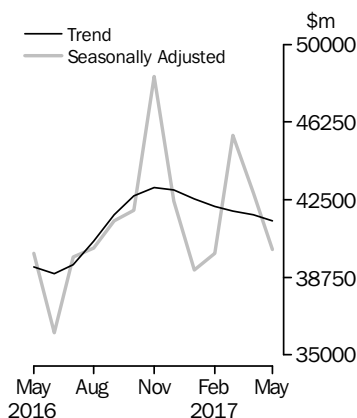
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KEY FIGURES

	Apr 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017 to May 2017
	\$m	\$m	% change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation ^(a)	20 342	20 423	0.4
Personal finance	6 019	5 826	-3.2
Commercial finance	41 783	41 468	-0.8
Lease finance	641	619	-3.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES			
Housing finance for owner occupation ^(a)	20 126	20 717	2.9
Personal finance	5 847	5 821	-0.5
Commercial finance	42 835	40 089	-6.4
Lease finance	602	609	1.1

(a) Excludes alterations and additions

KEY POINTS

MAY 2017 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2017:

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

- The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 0.4% in trend terms, and the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.9%.

PERSONAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 3.2%. Fixed lending commitments fell 3.2% and revolving credit commitments fell 3.1%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.5%. Revolving credit commitments fell 3.1%, while fixed lending commitments rose 1.2%.

COMMERCIAL FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 0.8%. Fixed lending commitments fell 0.9% and revolving credit commitments fell 0.3%.
- The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 6.4%. Revolving credit commitments fell 12.5% and fixed lending commitments fell 4.9%.

LEASE FINANCE

- The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 3.3% in May 2017 while the seasonally adjusted series rose 1.1%, following a rise of 4.3% in April 2017.

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June 2017	11 August 2017
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REVISIONS

In this issue, revisions have been made to the original series as a result of improved reporting of survey and administrative data. These revisions have affected the following series:

- Owner occupied housing for the periods March 2017 and April 2017.
- Commercial Finance for the month of April 2017.
- Personal Finance for the month of April 2017.

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ABBREVIATIONS

\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ADI	Authorised Deposit-taking Institution
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ARIMA	autoregressive integrated moving average
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
RFC	Registered Financial Corporation

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

The total value of owner occupied housing commitments excluding alterations and additions rose 0.4% in trend terms and the seasonally adjusted series rose 2.9%.

Further detail can be found in Table 1 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

For further information, please refer to Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0), which was released on 11 July 2017.

PERSONAL FINANCE

The trend series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 3.2% in May 2017 compared with April 2017. Fixed lending commitments fell 3.2% and revolving credit commitments fell 3.1%.

The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total personal finance commitments fell 0.5%. Revolving lending commitments fell 3.1%, while fixed lending commitments rose 1.2%.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE

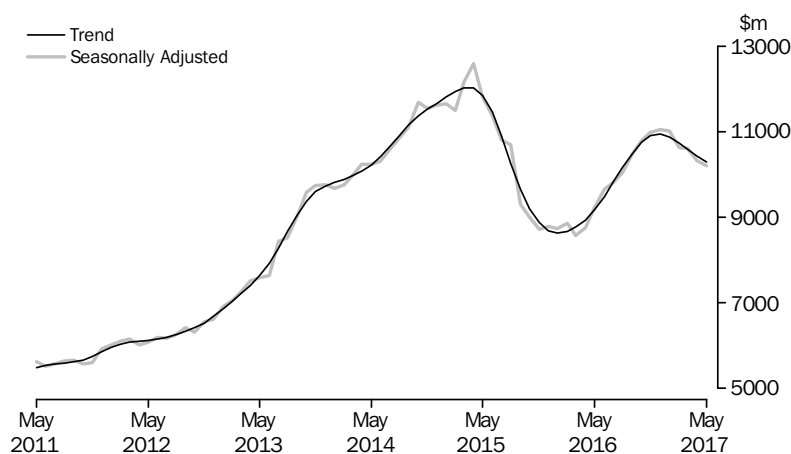
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The seasonally adjusted series for the value of total commercial finance commitments fell 6.4% in May 2017, following a fall of 6.1% in April 2017. Revolving lending commitments fell 12.5%, following a fall of 24.0% in the previous month. Fixed lending commitments fell 4.9%, following a fall of 0.3% in the previous month.

The value of commitments for the purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (trend) fell 1.3% in May 2017 and the seasonally adjusted series fell 1.2%.

Further detail can be found in Tables 1 and 8 on the downloads tab of this release and in the PDF.

PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR RENT OR RESALE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

LEASE FINANCE

The trend series for the value of total lease finance commitments fell 3.3% in May 2017 while the seasonally adjusted series rose 1.1%, following a rise of 4.3% in April 2017.

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Summary

Month	SECURED HOUSING(a)		PERSONAL(b)			COMMERCIAL			LEASE
	Construction and purchase of dwellings(c)	Alterations and additions	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Fixed loans(d)	Revolving credit(e)	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ORIGINAL									
2016									
May	21 492	382	4 689	2 970	7 659	30 258	9 394	39 651	502
June	21 254	388	4 931	2 779	7 710	35 876	8 702	44 578	639
July	19 369	372	4 167	2 993	7 161	30 543	7 922	38 464	476
August	20 219	381	4 474	2 347	6 821	31 801	8 218	40 019	512
September	20 534	401	4 327	2 262	6 589	33 153	8 802	41 955	540
October	19 909	345	3 989	2 312	6 302	33 707	7 601	41 308	460
November	22 571	396	4 476	2 622	7 098	40 091	9 725	49 816	520
December	21 006	347	4 399	2 629	7 028	43 390	10 269	53 659	591
2017									
January	16 686	304	3 618	2 282	5 899	25 344	4 566	29 910	814
February	17 477	369	3 749	2 263	6 013	25 803	6 544	32 347	608
March	21 732	421	4 219	2 480	6 700	37 274	10 900	48 174	644
April	17 638	328	3 225	1 971	5 197	29 309	7 542	36 851	521
May	22 898	452	4 162	2 286	6 448	33 662	6 953	40 614	627
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2016									
May	20 098	362	4 245	2 887	7 132	30 132	9 784	39 916	485
June	20 322	359	4 275	2 596	6 871	29 532	6 532	36 064	541
July	19 815	378	4 360	2 753	7 113	31 539	8 185	39 723	491
August	19 648	368	4 336	2 453	6 789	31 844	8 338	40 183	522
September	19 882	377	4 325	2 441	6 767	32 567	8 896	41 462	554
October	19 837	360	4 311	2 255	6 566	34 018	7 986	42 004	487
November	19 924	375	4 310	2 646	6 955	39 074	9 367	48 441	509
December	20 169	360	4 429	2 560	6 989	34 531	7 892	42 423	550
2017									
January	20 157	381	4 291	2 432	6 722	33 024	6 085	39 109	945
February	20 036	382	4 062	2 335	6 397	31 962	7 954	39 916	644
March	20 302	373	3 817	2 364	6 181	34 480	11 123	45 603	577
April	20 126	378	3 617	2 231	5 847	34 383	8 451	42 835	602
May	20 717	416	3 659	2 162	5 821	32 697	7 393	40 089	609
TREND									
2016									
May	20 136	369	4 324	2 789	7 114	30 506	8 749	39 256	531
June	20 050	369	4 341	2 722	7 063	30 498	8 442	38 940	519
July	19 943	369	4 334	2 629	6 963	31 073	8 274	39 348	506
August	19 857	369	4 331	2 539	6 870	32 212	8 271	40 483	500
September	19 835	369	4 345	2 480	6 825	33 502	8 270	41 771	512
October	19 870	369	4 364	2 463	6 827	34 472	8 226	42 698	544
November	19 940	369	4 355	2 467	6 821	34 920	8 177	43 096	589
December	20 023	370	4 295	2 464	6 759	34 822	8 140	42 962	630
2017									
January	20 102	373	4 188	2 439	6 627	34 382	8 169	42 552	658
February	20 174	377	4 047	2 389	6 436	33 875	8 304	42 179	666
March	20 254	383	3 897	2 325	6 221	33 491	8 448	41 939	657
April	20 342	389	3 756	2 263	6 019	33 241	8 542	41 783	641
May	20 423	395	3 634	2 192	5 826	32 951	8 518	41 468	619

(a) For owner occupation.

(b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

(c) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see Glossary).

(d) Includes refinancing (see Glossary).

(e) New and increased credit limits during the month. Includes credit cards.

HOUSING AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: Original

Month	HOUSING FINANCE (a)					PERSONAL FINANCE (b)				
	Banks	Permanent building societies	Wholesale lenders n.e.c.	Other lenders	Total	Banks	Credit co-operatives	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016										
May	20 058	np	np	855	21 492	6 087	np	np	1 305	7 659
June	19 834	np	np	768	21 254	5 988	151	171	1 400	7 710
July	17 929	np	np	723	19 369	5 559	126	133	1 343	7 161
August	18 799	212	425	783	20 219	5 221	139	126	1 336	6 821
September	19 012	175	586	762	20 534	5 008	142	128	1 311	6 589
October	18 605	120	443	741	19 909	4 724	117	158	1 303	6 302
November	21 105	128	502	835	22 571	5 304	141	148	1 504	7 098
December	19 481	160	498	867	21 006	5 227	146	150	1 505	7 028
2017										
January	15 373	85	422	806	16 686	4 282	122	201	1 295	5 899
February	16 128	138	361	850	17 477	4 565	129	147	1 171	6 013
March	20 167	193	413	959	21 732	5 094	152	154	1 300	6 700
April	16 445	134	338	720	17 638	3 882	112	97	1 106	5 197
May	21 341	140	510	907	22 898	4 882	149	130	1 287	6 448

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(a) Secured finance for owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions.
 (b) Includes unsecured housing finance for owner occupation.

COMMERCIAL AND LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Lender: **Original**

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE					LEASE FINANCE				
	Banks	Money market corporations	Finance companies	Other lenders	Total	Banks	General financiers	Finance companies	Other lessors	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016										
May	36 092	np	866	np	39 651	118	153	46	185	502
June	40 706	np	831	np	44 578	152	194	61	233	639
July	34 708	np	1 251	np	38 464	101	185	43	147	476
August	36 092	np	1 291	np	40 019	119	185	39	168	512
September	37 886	np	1 381	np	41 955	134	176	46	184	540
October	37 191	np	1 412	np	41 308	123	156	39	142	460
November	44 697	np	1 063	np	49 816	130	163	50	177	520
December	49 246	np	1 399	np	53 659	192	185	43	171	591
2017										
January	26 876	np	1 096	np	29 910	187	451	23	153	814
February	28 721	np	np	np	32 347	214	146	33	215	608
March	43 340	np	1 246	np	48 174	235	168	52	188	644
April	33 325	np	936	np	36 851	214	146	np	np	521
May	36 325	np	1 260	np	40 614	228	164	45	190	627

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PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): Original

Month	New motor cars and station wagons \$m	Used motor cars and station wagons \$m	Total motor vehicles(a) \$m	Individual residential blocks of land \$m	Unsecured finance for owner occupation(b) \$m	Debt consolidation \$m	Refinancing \$m	Other(c) \$m	Total \$m
2016									
May	736	474	1 378	635	41	1 126	588	921	4 689
June	882	502	1 573	667	52	1 041	715	884	4 931
July	741	479	1 382	543	38	855	570	781	4 167
August	740	552	1 475	578	52	912	609	849	4 474
September	738	527	1 447	579	54	774	617	856	4 327
October	684	484	1 334	549	60	635	602	810	3 989
November	770	506	1 442	620	77	745	674	917	4 476
December	757	467	1 385	684	63	642	740	887	4 399
2017									
January	701	494	1 335	439	54	541	516	733	3 618
February	669	485	1 294	551	59	553	518	774	3 749
March	737	535	1 429	676	91	488	586	949	4 219
April	551	414	1 092	578	50	318	444	744	3 225
May	713	515	1 391	888	71	407	452	952	4 162

(a) Includes motorcycles and other motor vehicles.

(b) Includes alterations and additions.

(c) Includes boats, caravans and trailers, household goods, travel and holidays and other purposes.

PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, Revolving Credit Stocks and Flows: **Original**

Month	NEW AND INCREASED CREDIT LIMITS			CANCELLATIONS AND REDUCTIONS	CREDIT AT END OF MONTH	
	Secured	Unsecured	Total	Total(a)	Total limits(a)	Credit used
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016						
May	884	2 086	2 970	3 249	267 240	106 634
June	741	2 038	2 779	3 336	266 936	107 110
July	1 281	1 712	2 993	2 718	267 314	105 312
August	660	1 687	2 347	5 783	266 091	104 557
September	649	1 613	2 262	2 823	265 523	103 916
October	683	1 630	2 312	2 778	265 090	103 887
November	848	1 775	2 622	3 478	265 386	104 050
December	963	1 666	2 629	2 688	265 720	103 977
2017						
January	494	1 788	2 282	2 402	254 098	99 866
February	734	1 530	2 263	2 607	253 146	100 814
March	805	1 676	2 480	2 707	253 011	99 972
April	590	1 382	1 971	2 670	252 303	99 444
May	618	1 669	2 286	3 229	251 370	99 152

(a) These figures sometimes reflect a rebasing of the data by one or more lenders without adjustment to earlier periods' commitments or cancellations.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, By Purpose (Fixed Loans): Original

Month	Construction finance	Purchase of real property	Wholesale finance	Purchase of plant and equipment	Refinancing	Other	Total	Commitments not drawn at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016								
May	2 020	13 333	1 490	3 077	2 899	7 440	30 258	53 361
June	1 832	15 804	2 235	3 241	3 177	9 586	35 876	54 137
July	1 996	13 390	1 746	2 821	2 672	7 919	30 543	55 616
August	1 780	13 702	2 270	3 091	2 571	8 388	31 801	53 832
September	1 320	14 237	1 690	2 998	3 569	9 340	33 153	53 571
October	1 514	13 741	1 947	2 929	2 525	11 051	33 707	56 115
November	4 359	16 032	1 987	4 617	2 652	10 444	40 091	59 725
December	2 628	15 981	2 034	3 825	4 017	14 905	43 390	57 012
2017								
January	1 576	12 164	1 620	2 150	1 988	5 846	25 344	56 569
February	1 324	12 669	1 702	2 712	1 825	5 571	25 803	56 732
March	1 659	15 871	2 729	3 156	3 879	9 981	37 274	60 546
April	2 033	12 293	1 970	2 375	4 238	6 401	29 309	62 246
May	1 681	15 406	2 912	3 142	1 953	8 566	33 662	59 198

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LEASE AND REVOLVING COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, BY STOCK: AUSTRALIA, ORIGINAL (\$M)

	LEASE FINANCE		COMMERCIAL REVOLVING CREDIT			
	Total commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of month	New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions	Total credit limits at end of month	Credit used at end of month
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016						
May	502	np	9 394	10 407	357 120	201 530
June	639	np	8 702	10 866	353 291	199 217
July	476	np	7 922	10 049	350 829	197 453
August	512	np	8 218	8 338	350 691	193 205
September	540	np	8 802	8 511	351 766	192 588
October	460	np	7 601	9 172	349 676	192 795
November	520	np	9 725	7 929	351 699	190 086
December	591	np	10 269	9 421	353 942	188 779
2017						
January	814	np	4 566	8 556	348 621	187 686
February	608	np	6 544	6 382	348 320	188 171
March	644	np	10 900	8 806	350 745	188 565
April	521	np	7 542	10 570	348 508	188 327
May	627	np	6 953	9 986	346 025	187 259

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Housing (Owner Occupation and Commercial)

Month	OWNER OCCUPATION (SECURED FINANCE)				OWNER OCCUPATION (UNSECURED FINANCE)	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(a)			ALL HOUSING FINANCE	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of new dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(b)	Alterations and additions	Total(c)	Construction of dwellings for rent and resale	Purchase of dwellings by individuals for rent or resale (d)	Purchase of dwellings by others for rent or resale	Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
ORIGINAL										
2016										
May	2 009	1 029	18 454	382	41	1 388	10 182	1 015	34 500	
June	1 983	1 101	18 170	388	52	1 476	11 273	1 142	35 584	
July	1 762	931	16 676	372	38	1 144	9 655	1 144	31 722	
August	1 974	1 034	17 211	381	52	814	10 225	1 007	32 697	
September	1 899	1 017	17 618	401	54	946	10 518	1 228	33 682	
October	1 782	1 046	17 081	345	60	750	10 247	975	32 286	
November	1 950	1 229	19 392	396	77	1 338	11 822	1 044	37 248	
December	1 856	1 168	17 982	347	63	977	11 380	1 372	35 144	
2017										
January	1 427	840	14 418	304	54	834	8 813	1 029	27 720	
February	1 623	870	14 984	369	59	837	9 117	982	28 843	
March	1 982	1 200	18 550	421	91	1 227	11 547	1 157	36 174	
April	1 663	940	15 035	328	50	1 067	9 146	875	29 103	
May	2 304	1 207	19 386	452	71	1 159	11 818	1 192	37 591	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
2016										
May	1 793	1 001	17 303	362	40	1 219	9 229	979	31 926	
June	1 783	1 034	17 505	359	49	1 214	9 643	1 033	32 619	
July	1 799	983	17 034	378	42	1 103	9 805	1 091	32 235	
August	1 848	982	16 817	368	55	817	10 035	982	31 905	
September	1 814	1 012	17 056	377	52	904	10 492	1 056	32 764	
October	1 825	1 026	16 987	360	60	842	10 791	1 080	32 970	
November	1 838	1 052	17 034	375	62	1 353	10 973	1 020	33 706	
December	1 860	1 085	17 225	360	62	908	11 050	1 168	33 717	
2017										
January	1 819	1 062	17 276	381	65	1 195	11 022	1 411	34 231	
February	1 848	979	17 209	382	64	1 030	10 616	1 111	33 237	
March	1 853	1 110	17 338	373	76	1 090	10 611	1 107	33 559	
April	1 905	1 085	17 135	378	60	1 114	10 327	1 052	33 056	
May	1 967	1 112	17 638	416	68	971	10 207	1 136	33 516	
TREND										
2016										
May	1 779	991	17 366	369	43	1 207	9 175	1 061	31 991	
June	1 792	996	17 262	369	44	1 127	9 478	1 043	32 111	
July	1 807	1 001	17 135	369	47	1 039	9 820	1 026	32 245	
August	1 819	1 008	17 030	369	51	978	10 171	1 024	32 450	
September	1 827	1 017	16 992	369	55	964	10 489	1 045	32 757	
October	1 831	1 028	17 011	369	58	984	10 741	1 084	33 106	
November	1 833	1 039	17 068	369	61	1 023	10 906	1 128	33 427	
December	1 835	1 048	17 140	370	63	1 069	10 950	1 161	33 637	
2017										
January	1 842	1 055	17 204	373	65	1 094	10 878	1 177	33 689	
February	1 857	1 062	17 255	377	66	1 092	10 737	1 170	33 617	
March	1 877	1 072	17 306	383	67	1 078	10 581	1 151	33 514	
April	1 898	1 083	17 361	389	67	1 062	10 428	1 129	33 417	
May	1 920	1 093	17 411	395	67	1 029	10 287	1 109	33 310	

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

(c) Includes alterations and additions.

(b) Includes refinancing across lending institutions (see glossary)

(d) Includes refinancing (See Glossary)

FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	PERSONAL FINANCE(a)					COMMERCIAL	LEASE	ALL VEHICLE
					FINANCE(a)	FINANCE	FINANCE
	<i>New motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Used motor cars and station wagons</i>	<i>Motorcycles</i>	<i>Other motor vehicles</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016								
May	736	474	44	124	1 378	1 445	315	3 137
June	882	502	50	139	1 573	1 627	403	3 604
July	741	479	42	119	1 382	1 281	300	2 963
August	740	552	57	125	1 475	1 250	316	3 041
September	738	527	55	127	1 447	1 296	329	3 072
October	684	484	49	117	1 334	1 170	307	2 811
November	770	506	49	117	1 442	1 297	341	3 080
December	757	467	49	111	1 385	1 275	346	3 005
2017								
January	701	494	41	100	1 335	910	299	2 544
February	669	485	41	99	1 294	1 159	318	2 771
March	737	535	41	116	1 429	1 383	380	3 192
April	551	414	31	96	1 092	1 034	284	2 410
May	713	515	41	122	1 391	1 426	389	3 206

(a) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Motor Vehicles: **Original**

Month	MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS		LIGHT TRUCKS		HEAVY TRUCKS		OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES	ALL VEHICLES
	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>Total</i>	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016								
May	193	63	28	np	10	2	np	315
June	220	67	34	np	60	2	np	403
July	183	59	29	np	13	1	np	300
August	206	57	28	np	8	1	np	316
September	220	56	24	np	10	1	np	329
October	202	57	23	np	10	np	np	307
November	216	61	27	np	18	np	np	341
December	225	57	29	np	18	np	np	346
2017								
January	175	57	21	np	np	np	np	299
February	200	67	26	np	8	np	np	318
March	230	79	31	7	20	np	np	380
April	172	58	30	6	8	2	8	284
May	228	73	38	np	24	5	np	389

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

Month	COMMERCIAL FINANCE(b)			LEASE FINANCE	ALL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FINANCE
	Transport equipment	Other plant and equipment	Total	Total	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016					
May	457	1 175	1 632	187	1 819
June	240	1 374	1 614	236	1 850
July	265	1 274	1 540	176	1 716
August	213	1 628	1 841	196	2 037
September	218	1 484	1 702	211	1 913
October	236	1 524	1 759	153	1 913
November	236	3 084	3 320	179	3 499
December	231	2 319	2 550	245	2 796
2017					
January	161	1 080	1 240	515	1 756
February	238	1 315	1 553	291	1 844
March	278	1 495	1 773	264	2 037
April	199	1 142	1 341	237	1 577
May	305	1 412	1 717	238	1 955

(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

(b) Excludes revolving credit.

LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS, For Plant and Equipment: **Original**

Month	Transport equipment (a)	Construction and earthmoving equipment	Agricultural machinery and equipment	Manu- facturing equipment	Electronic data processing equipment	Office machines	Shop and office furniture, fittings and equipment	Other goods	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2016									
May	8	42	np	np	47	47	15	15	187
June	5	51	26	2	49	48	12	44	236
July	np	45	np	np	45	51	6	np	176
August	np	63	6	2	39	50	18	np	196
September	np	62	np	np	38	51	24	np	211
October	np	37	np	np	42	38	7	np	153
November	np	57	np	np	38	41	11	np	179
December	—	55	21	1	67	47	33	21	245
2017									
January	np	24	10	1	np	90	np	np	515
February	2	94	9	2	49	111	11	12	291
March	np	58	np	np	38	95	24	np	264
April	np	79	np	np	31	77	22	np	237
May	np	53	np	np	46	91	18	np	238

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes motor vehicles (see tables 9 and 10).

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication presents statistics on finance commitments made by significant lenders for the purposes of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance.
- 2** *Secured housing finance for owner occupation* is secured finance to individuals for the purchase or construction of dwellings for owner occupation, and for alterations and additions to existing owner occupied dwellings. Refinancing involving a change of lender is also included, while refinancing with the same lender is excluded from all estimates.
- 3** *Personal finance*, other than secured housing finance for owner occupation, is finance provided to individuals for their personal, non-business, use. Both fixed loans and revolving credit finance are included.
- 4** *Commercial finance* is finance provided to individuals and corporations for business or investment purposes, including for the construction or purchase of dwellings for rental or resale. Fixed loans, revolving credit and commercial hire purchase are included.
- 5** *Lease finance* includes finance leases and excludes operating and leverage leases. Operating lease finance statistics are provided separately as spreadsheets on the Downloads tab of this issue.

SCOPE

- 6** Finance commitments made by the following types of lenders are included:
 - Banks
 - Permanent building societies
 - Credit unions/cooperative credit societies
 - Life or general insurance companies
 - General government enterprises
 - Superannuation funds
 - Securitiser of mortgage assets (wholesale lenders) which provide funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary (e.g. mortgage originators)
 - Registered Financial Corporations (RFCs).

COVERAGE

- 7** Until the statistics in this publication were derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) (see paragraph 10), the statistics covered all bank commitments, and all commitments for secured housing finance for owner occupation made by permanent building societies. Of the remaining commitments, the largest lenders for each of secured housing finance for owner occupation, other personal finance, commercial finance and lease finance were covered, so that when calculated separately for each of the four broad categories of purpose finance, at least 95% of Australia-wide finance commitments and at least 90% of each state's finance commitments were covered. While many lenders other than banks were not covered, at least 70% coverage was maintained for all published lender types (including the Other Lenders series and Other Lessors series).
- 8** When APRA commenced the collection, lending commitments by Non-Banks with total assets of \$50 million or more were covered. All banks' lending commitments were covered.
- 9** From January 2014 a monthly reporting threshold was introduced for Non-Banks to provide 95 per cent asset coverage of the non-bank sector. Non-banks with assets below the \$200m asset threshold ceased reporting from January 2014 while other Non-Banks with assets above the threshold started reporting to APRA from January 2014. The lending commitments of those which started reporting in January 2014 were excluded from the January 2014 to January 2015 published statistics pending assessment of seasonal impacts of those non-banks' commitments on seasonally adjusted and trend series estimates. Issues of this publication from February 2015 include finance commitments from January 2014 reported by Non-Banks above the reporting threshold.

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COVERAGE *continued*

A trend break in January 2014 was added to the Lease Finance series published in Tables 1 and 27, due to this change in coverage.

SOURCES

10 For banks, credit cooperatives, building societies and RFCs, the statistics in this publication are currently derived from returns submitted to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). The *Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001* facilitates the collection of statistical data from the financial sector, with APRA established as the central point for collection of both prudential and statistical data. In October 2001, APRA implemented new reporting forms for building societies and credit cooperatives. New reporting forms were implemented for banks in March 2002, and for RFCs in March 2003. APRA commenced collecting loan commitments data from banks, credit cooperatives and building societies in July 2002, and from RFCs in March 2003.

11 Secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing from banks, building societies and credit cooperatives are derived from *ARF 392.0 Housing Finance* form collected by APRA. Personal finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form. Commercial finance commitments from these lenders are sourced from the *ARF 391.0 Commercial Finance* form and from the *ARF 394.0 Personal Finance* form for fixed loans for personal investment purposes. Lease finance commitments are sourced from the *ARF 393.0 Lease Finance* form.

12 Finance commitments for RFCs are collected on the *RRF 391.0 Commercial Finance* (commercial finance commitments), *RRF 392.0 Housing Finance* (secured housing finance commitments for owner occupied housing), *RRF 393.0 Lease Finance* (lease finance commitments) and *RRF 394.0 Personal Finance* (personal finance commitments and commercial finance commitments).

13 Electronic versions of the forms and instructions for ADIs are available on the APRA website at <http://www.apra.gov.au/adi/reportingframework/pages/adi-reporting.aspx>. For RFCs, these are available at: <http://www.apra.gov.au/NonReg/Pages/Registered-Financial-Corporations.aspx>.

14 All other institutions, including securitisation vehicles, are collected directly by the ABS.

REVISIONS

15 Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the publication as they occur.

16 Changes in the classification of lenders (e.g. the conversion of a permanent building society to a bank) are reflected in the Lender series from the month of the change. Data for earlier periods for such lenders are not reclassified. Details of the establishment of new banks are recorded in the 'Series breaks' tabs of Statistical Table B2 on the Reserve Bank of Australia's website: RBA Statistical Tables.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

17 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation and 'trading day effects'. A 'trading day effect' reflects the varying amounts of activity on different days of the week and the different number of days of the week in any month (i.e. the number of Sundays, Mondays, etc.). This effect may be partly caused by the reporting practices of the lenders. Adjustment is also made for Easter which may affect the March and April estimates differently. Trading day effects are removed from the original estimates prior to the seasonal adjustment process. Seasonal adjustment does not remove the effect of irregular or non-seasonal influences (e.g. a change in interest rates) from the seasonally adjusted series.

18 Estimation of seasonal adjustment and trading day factors that reflect the full effect of recent developments is not possible until a sufficient number of years of data have been collected. When changes are occurring in the seasonal patterns, larger revisions to the seasonally adjusted series can be expected at the time of the biennial (once every

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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two years) seasonal reanalysis. Accordingly, the trend estimate data provide a more reliable indicator of underlying movement in housing finance commitments. (See paragraphs 21 and 22 for further information on trend estimates).

19 The lending finance series uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the seasonal adjustment factors. This means that original estimates available at the current reference month are used to estimate seasonal factors for the current and previous months. As a result of this methodology, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for earlier periods can be revised each month. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the previous month and the same month a year ago.

20 Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) modelling can improve the revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The lending finance collections use an individual ARIMA model for the majority of the series in this publication. The concurrent seasonal adjustment approach re-estimates seasonal factors each month with the receipt of each new observation. The parameters used for seasonal adjustment are routinely reviewed every 12 to 24 months to ensure the quality of the seasonal factors. The last reanalysis occurred in February 2017 for the January 2017 issue. For more information on ARIMA modelling see *Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions* in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

TREND ESTIMATES

21 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13 term Henderson-weighted moving average to all but the last six months of the respective seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. For further information, refer to *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring Trends: An Overview* (cat. no. 1349.0).

22 While the smoothing technique described in paragraph 21 enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest few months, it does result in revisions to the trend estimates as new data become available. Generally, revisions become smaller over time and, after three months, usually have a negligible impact on the series. Changes in the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors may also lead to revisions to the trend.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

23 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Published changes in dollar value and percentage terms are calculated using unrounded data and may differ slightly from, but are more accurate than, changes calculated from the rounded data presented in this publication.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

24 Estimates for months prior to those shown in this publication and more detailed series are available in spreadsheet format from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website. For more information, contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

25 Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS releases:

- *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0)
- *Assets and Liabilities of Australian Securitizers* (cat. no. 5232.0.55.001) – issued quarterly.
- *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) – issued monthly.

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8750.0) – issued quarterly (final issue June 2012).
- *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) – issued quarterly.
- *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0).
- *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia* (cat. no. 9314.0).

26 In addition, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) produces the Bulletin, the tables of which are available on the RBA web site <http://www.rba.gov.au>. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) also publishes a range of finance statistics on its website <http://www.apra.gov.au>.

27 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the Statistics View. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au> which details products to be released in the week ahead.

GLOSSARY

Agricultural machinery and equipment	Includes tractors, tillage implements, seeding, planting and fertilising equipment, agricultural mowers, harvesters, etc.
Alterations and additions	Comprises all structural and non-structural changes which are integral to the functional and structural design of a dwelling. Examples are garages, carports, pergolas, reroofing, recladding, etc. Alterations and additions do not include swimming pools, ongoing repairs, or maintenance and home improvements which do not involve building work.
Commitment	Is a firm offer of finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month are included. Commitments to non-residents are excluded.
Construction and earth moving equipment	Includes concrete mixers and pumpers, dozers, graders, mobile cranes, crawler tractors, dumpers, road rollers, earth packers, scarifiers, rippers, etc.
Construction of dwellings	For owner occupation, comprises commitments made to individuals to finance, by way of progress payments, the construction of owner occupied dwellings. For commercial finance construction of dwellings for rental or resale, comprises commitments made to corporations to finance the construction of dwellings to be occupied by persons other than the owner(s).
Debt consolidation	For personal finance, comprises commitments whose principle purpose is to consolidate and pay out amounts owing by the borrower to third parties.
Dwelling	Is a single self-contained place of residence such as a detached or semidetached house, a terrace house, a flat, home unit, town house, etc. which includes bathing and cooking facilities.
Electronic data processing equipment	Includes computers, computer peripherals, data entry devices, word processing machines, etc.
Established dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed for 12 months or more prior to the lodgement of a loan application, or has been previously occupied.
Finance lease	Refers to the leasing or hiring of tangible assets under an agreement, other than a hire purchase agreement, which substantially transfers from the lessor to the lessee all the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the asset without transferring the legal ownership.
Fixed loans	Generally involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a fixed amount for a fixed period for a specific purpose■ a schedule of repayments over a fixed period■ repayments which reduce the liability of the borrower but do not act to make further finance available.
Heavy trucks	Comprises all vehicles with a gross combination mass rating in excess of 3.5 tonnes, including prime movers registered without trailers.
Light trucks	Comprises vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of goods which do not exceed 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass such as utilities, panel vans, trucks, cab-chassis, forward control vans and four-wheel drives used to carry goods.
Manufacturing equipment	Includes all plant and equipment used in the manufacture of goods except motor vehicles such as forklifts, work trucks and tractors.
Motor cars and station wagons	Includes cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive and forward control passenger vehicles with up to nine seats (including the driver).
Motorcycles	Includes two and three wheeled motorcycles and mopeds, scooters and motorcycles with side cars.
New dwelling	Is a dwelling that has been completed within 12 months of the lodgement of a loan application, and the borrower will be the first occupant.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Office machines	Includes telephone systems (including PABX equipment), facsimile machines, cash registers, photocopiers, etc.
Purpose	Of the loan is that specified by the borrower. Where possible multiple purpose loans are split and each component is reported in the appropriate purpose category. Otherwise the whole loan is classified to the major purpose.
Real Property	Comprises both residential and non-residential land, buildings and fixed structures.
Refinancing	For personal and commercial finance, represents a commitment to refinance an existing loan. For secured housing finance, only those loans where the refinancing lender is a different lender and the security is unchanged are included. The refinancing of a loan to fund a change of residence is treated as a new lending commitment.
Revolving credit	Generally has the following characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a commitment for a credit or borrowing limit is given for a specific period after which the commitment is reviewed■ the extent of the borrowing used at any time during the period may be for any amount up to the authorised limit■ repayments (other than of charges and interest) made during the period reduce the extent of the borrowing used and thereby increase the amount of unused credit available up to the authorised limit. Examples include credit cards, lines of credit and approved overdrafts.
Secured credit limits	Includes overdrafts, lines of credit, credit cards, etc. backed by a mortgage or other assets owned by the borrower.
Secured housing finance	Comprises all secured commitments to individuals for the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation, regardless of type of security. Commitments for housing that will be occupied by persons other than the owner(s) are excluded.
Total credit limits at end of month	Comprises total approved credit limits available at the end of the reference month. In principle, this can be derived by adding new and increased lending commitments during the month less cancellations and reductions of credit limits during the month to the balance of credit limits at the end of the previous month. In practice, however, revisions and other adjustments (such as the transfer of an existing fixed credit facility) will mean that such a derivation is inexact.
Wholesale finance	Comprises finance for the purchase of goods by retailers and wholesalers.
Wholesale lenders	A wholesale lender provides funds to borrowers through a retail intermediary which may then also be responsible for the ongoing relationship with the borrower. The Wholesale Lenders n.e.c. series almost exclusively comprises securitisation vehicles (typically special purpose trusts) established to issue mortgage backed securities. It excludes funds provided where a bank or permanent building society, acting as a wholesale provider of funds, remains the lender on the contract. Those commitments are published as bank or permanent building society commitments.

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